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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 July 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-16 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 34 and 35 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 17 and 31-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 18-30 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 July 2002 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d). Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 16 September 2002 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Drawings

3. The proposed drawing corrections were received on 29 July 2002. These proposed drawing corrections are acceptable.

4. The subject matter of this application admits of illustration by a drawing (Figure 1) to facilitate understanding of the invention. Applicant is required to

furnish Figure 1 under 37 CFR 1.81. No new matter may be introduced in the required drawing.

5. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the following reference sign(s) not mentioned in the description: steps S110 and S135 in figure 2b are not mentioned in the specification. A proposed drawing correction, corrected drawings, or amendment to the specification to add the reference sign(s) in the description, are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

6. The drawings are objected to because English-language translations for some of the legends in figures 3 and 4 are not provided. A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

7. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: "resultant signal nsi" on page 12 line 20 of the substitute specification does not appear in figure 4. A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

8. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: the section heading "ANNEX (Theory, Simulation and Test Results)" should be changed to "Theory, Simulation and Test Results". Appendices and/or annexes provide supplemental information. Since the majority of the disclosure is the "ANNEX", the "ANNEX" would not be considered as supplemental information. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

9. Claims 31 and 32 were objected to because of the following informalities: a typographical error of the claim dependency. Per our conversation on 03 February

2003, claim dependency has been corrected so that claims 31 and 32 depend from claim 17.

Double Patenting

10. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

11. Claims 17, 31 and 32 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3 of U.S. Patent No. 6,274,995 B1. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to broaden the claim by removing the step of producing vibrations and still be able to determine an optimal value for a controller

parameter (undamped machine oscillation) and resonant frequency of a control loop.

Controllers utilizing algorithms/models for tuning are well known in the art.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

12. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

13. Claims 17 and 31-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by USPN 5,621,656 to Langley.

As per claim 17, the Langley reference discloses a method for determining at least one time constant of a reference model, which is designed as a 2nd order time-delay element of a machine, said method comprising: detecting an oscillation frequency (see column 4 lines 65-66, "frequency sensor 6") of an undamped machine oscillation (see column 4 lines 55-56, "undamped resonance (angular frequency)"); and determining an optimized value (see column 7 lines 41-42, "adjust the tuning") of a time constant of said reference model (see column 7 lines 45-48,

"gradient-descent algorithm") as a function of said detected oscillation frequency ("frequency") of said undamped machine oscillation (see column 7 lines 55-64, "undamped resonance (angular) frequency").

As per claim 31, the Langley reference discloses said method is exercised in an automated manner (see column 3 lines 46-48, "models continuously updated and refined").

As per claim 32, the Langley reference discloses further comprising using in said machine (see column 3 lines 25-28, "structure") said reference model (see column 3 lines 38-46, "mathematical model") with said optimized value ("tune the resonators") of said time constant.

As per claim 33, the Langley reference discloses said machine theoretically requires an n th order reference model, wherein $n > 2$ applies (see column 3 lines 59-60, "harmonics at f_1 , $2f_1$, $3f_1$... etc." and column 4 lines 60-62, "angular frequency").

Allowable Subject Matter

14. Claims 34 and 35 are allowable.

15. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

As per claim 34, the prior art of record taken alone or in combination fail to teach a closed speed control device, which comprises a proportional branch and an integral branch and wherein said reference model is located between said position control device and said closed speed control device.

16. Claims 18-30 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

17. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

The following patents are cited to further show the state of the art with respect to optimizing/tuning frequencies using algorithms/models in general:

USPN 4,691,276 to Miller et al.

USPN 5,533,565 to Kodaira et al.

USPN 5,319,296 to Patel

USPN 5,844,448 to Jackoski et al.

USPN 6,236,182 B1 to Kerner

USPN 6,330,484 B1 to Qin

USPN 6,678,621 B2 to Wiener et al.

US Pub. No. 2003/0078681 A1 to Dubois et al.

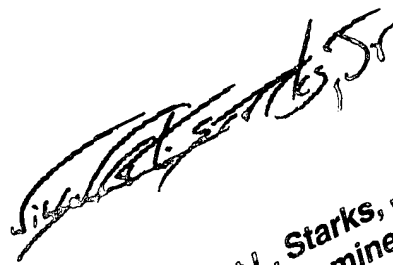
US Pub. No. 2003/0153990 A1 to Boiko

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Crystal J. Barnes whose telephone number is 703.306.5448. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday alternate Mondays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anil Khatri can be reached on 703.305.0282. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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